

District Governor Cassandra Remington



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5M9 Service Journal



Lions Clubs International

2020 Lions Clubs International Convention Cancelled

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS VOTED TO CANCEL THE 2020 LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, MAKING MONTREAL, CANADA OUR NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN 2021.

The Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2020 International Convention due to concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that the next International Convention will be held in 2021 in Montreal, Canada.

On March 20, I advised you that our 2020 convention would not be held in Singapore due to the limitations put in place by the Singapore Ministry of Health. After evaluating a variety of different options, including moving the convention to a different venue or postponing it to a later date, the Board of Directors voted to cancel the 2020 convention. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind.

In the meantime, our Convention Team will be working diligently to assist you. Lions International will issue full refunds for all registration fees paid. At this time, we kindly ask that you do not contact Lions International Registration to inquire about your registration, ticket or housing cancellations as we are still in the process of establishing our cancellation details.

We are disappointed that we will not be able to move forward with this international event, but we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions we will continue to find new ways to put our kindness in action while safely serving our communities.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



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District Governor Sandy Remington "Lions Healing the World"



Welcome to April! What a surprise this last month has been. What started a world away is now in our own backyard and affecting us directly. Air travel is no longer the choice method, large crowds are to be avoided and the common greeting of a handshake and hug are no longer recommended. Numerous events have been cancelled or postponed. As Lions, we are flexible and resilient. We will do what we have to to keep our members, especially our at risk members, safe from COVID 19.

MD5M had their Council of Governors meeting in Roseville. I'm proud that our district received 2 awards for membership. Our recruitment and retention are showing! I knew this was coming based on the number of new members I have had the honor of inducting into clubs on my visits.

DGE Les was with me for the day. I'm not sure if the day terrified him or encouraged him on to his journey. We had a great time at the Friendship Banquet the night before. I wish both him and Terri luck and hope they will have as much fun as I have had during my term. This will be an adventure for both of them.

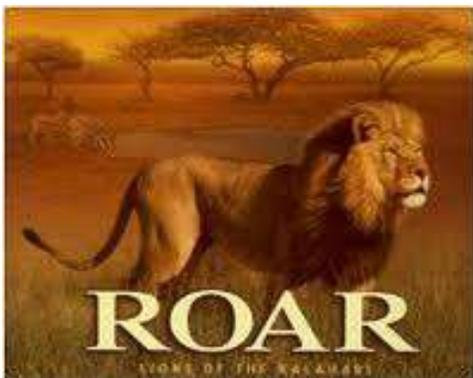
Our Cabinet meeting was postponed until May 31st. Hopefully COVID 19 will have withered away by then. It remains to be seen (as I write this) if our Northern Pride Lions Forum and Multiple Convention will continue or be cancelled. So many things are undecided as of yet. Watch your emails and Facebook pages for latest updates on events.

We are presently working on a new club in Jenkins and a new LEO Club in Pine River at Pine River Backus Schools. We are looking at a second club as well. It remains to be seen if this will go through.

We will continue our work as best we can in view of the guidelines set out by WHO and the CDC. Small groups with minimal personal contact and large rooms are best. If you are at risk because of health issues, or have a cold, please stay home and be safe. We want everyone to be able to rejoin us when this is over. Nothing is so important that we need to risk our members lives. We are a family and family comes first. God Bless you all!

Yours in Lionism,
District Governor Cassandra Remington

Terri Swift, DG Sandy Remington,
DGE Les Swift at Friendship Banquet





Facing our Challenges

District Governor Elect

Les Swift



Lions of 5M9 by the time everybody reads this newsletter I pray we have the Corvid 19 Virus defeated and it is no longer a threat to our love ones. In the past few days there have been many changes that we all have had to make in our daily lives. Events like school and church services and all the other events we take for granted that we should not attend. The places we go to be with our friends had to be put on hold. But in the end of all this we all will be stronger and appreciate these small things even more that we take for granted and know we all did our part to beat this outbreak.

Being a Lion in 5M9 I know how you all enjoy helping other people when help is needed. So I pray that you all have come through this set back and will be ready to do what you do best to serve. We have all had to cancel many events and get together that we all look forward to going to. So let's make plans on rescheduling them and make them even better. Let's show what Lions do best.

If you are looking for a place that will make a huge difference in someone's life I'm in need of a hair cut. After my 5 year old granddaughter said she was going to grow *her hair and donate it and then told me I had to do it we would grow for a year and half and now it is time too come off. We decided that by me shaving my head and beard at the multiple convention was a way we can raise extra money for Our Childhood Cancer Foundations. Any amount is greatly appreciated and will make some ones fight a whole lot easier. Any donations can be sent to Linda Albrecht Norby 1021 5th Ave NW Perham MN 56573. Kamp KACE/ Childhood Cancer Foundation and put in the memo what it is for. Let's show the rest of Multiple 5M that the 5M9 Lions have the biggest hearts.*

Kindness Matters,

Lion Les Swift

District Governor Elect

My DGE group with Partner's
in Service at the tour of
Can-do-Canines!





1st Vice District Governor Elect Jamie Huttunen Lions Building for Service



Hello 5M9 Lions

Keep an eye out for the spring zone meeting. Zone 6 is on April 21 in Sebeka at Hub 71 restaurant. I will let everyone know if we are still going to have the meeting or not. There have been a few cancelations for zone meetings already with this coronavirus going around. Just be safe and smart about it.

Let's keep praying for Jim and Kathy Fry from Frazee Lions and PDG Dwaine Habrat from Detroit Lakes Lions, all three have been in the hospital doing rehab, so keep the prayers coming so they can get their strength back.

Few notes that I would like to share from our International President, Dr. Jung -Yul Choi.

Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide - Your club's membership chairperson knows that a strong membership is essential to a healthy club and incredible service. The "Just Ask!" guide is the best tool available to help you accomplish both.

Service Reporting - When your service chairperson reports your club's service, you bring attention to the great work Lions are doing locally—and globally. And right now, they can even earn recognition for reporting your service. A few things to think when you are doing elections this year for your club.

Lions Building for Service

2nd Vice District Governor Jamie

Again, it was a successful blood drive when the Red Cross Blood Mobile came to **Battle Lake** February 24. There were 52 presenting donors and a total of 54 units collected. We didn't quite make our goal, but every unit collected helps save several lives.

Connie Krusemark, prepared and served a delicious meal for the Red Cross staff, and Marlene Lehman, LaRon Adkins and Sally Kvebak worked the canteen area and served coffee, juice and homemade baked goodies to the donors.

Several other Lions Club volunteers helped out to make this a successful project. Lions Kelly Hepper, Jerry Begley, Jim Wolf and J. J. Cline greeted and registered donors at the check-in table. Lions Gary Widness, Brian Kvebak, Shawn Frank, Lenny McNab, Dale Ruehle, Jim Braun, Bob Westgard, Dennis Quam and Jon Tamke moved many chairs and tables to accommodate the Red Cross team and reset all in the evening after the event, along with cleaning up the facility.

The Blood Mobile will return to Battle Lake Thursday, May 28, collecting from 12:30-6:30 p.m.





Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

I don't know if everyone received this notice from LCI headquarters in Oak Brook Illinois that their offices are temporarily closed.

Please do not send me any LCIF donations by check. They should be make online at lcif.org/BE100. But, I would appreciate knowing if you donate as we are still trying to reach the 100% club participation.

That being said, I recognize that many clubs are not meeting at this time due to the current guidelines and it may not be possible for you to conduct business as usual.

Your LCIF coordinators are so proud of all your clubs and members. You have donated over \$70,000.00 this fiscal year. Thank you.

- Please **submit LCIF donations** via the website instead of sending checks to the office. Please also note that grant disbursements and recognition will be delayed while the office is closed.
- There will be delays in shipping LCI awards and recognitions, club supplies orders, as well as delays in processing reimbursements.



Lions Zelda Novak along with Lion Larry and Lion PDG Tom Plagman, LCIF co chairs



5M9-LEADS



5M9 LIONS EMERGENCY AMENITIES DELIVERY SERVICE RECOMMENDED PROGRAM PROTOCOLS

5M9-LEADS is being introduced during this worldwide, Covid-19 outbreak in order to offer 5M9 Lions helpful, safe and timely protocols for activities such as food drives, collections and making deliveries to our homebound, infirm, elderly or quarantined neighbors. Of utmost importance is that we, and those we are extending this service to, are not harmed by our actions. Avoid contact and strictly observe social distancing recommendations.

Intent: While this document has been prepared with a delivery service in mind, LEADS Lions may be asked to serve in other ways, for example, at a food drive. All the same principles will apply: NEVER serving if you are in the higher risk group, or sick at all. Maintain social distancing, utilize gloves or hand cleansing and observe respiratory etiquette such as sneezing into your elbow.

Recommendations: To reduce risk, Lions performing this service should be in excellent health with no cold or flu symptoms, should not be from the age group that is the most susceptible (65+) to the flu and/or Covid-19, should not have knowingly been exposed to Covid-19 or the flu in preceding 14-days, shall not be a diabetic or have respiratory disease, or any other underlying health condition that you know is a risk factor, and will conform with NO EXCEPTIONS, to *Social Distancing & Drop-Off Protocols*.

Social Distancing:

LEADS Lions will deliver the pre-paid amenities, step at least six feet back from the door, and wait for occupant to get the package, then move on. No hand-to-hand exchanges or payments, in either direction, will be allowed.

If the occupant does not come out to get it, Lion will call.

Take precautions to avoid conveying Covid-19, the flu or a cold from to our delivery recipients, or vice versa, through coughing, vaporized air particles, exchanging items or other direct contact.

Again...maintain at least six feet of distance from each other.

Drop-Off: Contactless collections and/or drop-offs are the rule, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Ring the bell and step back at least six feet until product is taken inside. Deliveries will be left at the door or a designated, predetermined place outside. NO EXCEPTIONS.

No entering into the neighbor's home. Hang items on door handle, place on a table/shelf or set near door.

Intent is to keep items off the ground.

And again...Keep at least six feet of distance from each other. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Conform to the CDC's latest recommendations for best hygiene and appropriate precautions.

Miscellaneous:

Assess yourself for Covid-19, cold or flu symptoms regularly...Any indications, call your MD.

Go right home if ill or if knowingly exposed to Covid-19. Contact your physician.

Practice careful and frequent hand hygiene. No touching your face with unwashed hands.

Use the provided protective gloves (if available) or wash hands with sanitizer EVERY time you touch foodstuffs or money. Follow *Link* to directions in this video: The Globus Guide to putting on and using non-sterile disposable gloves. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3I_kKVNrEMo

LEADS Lions will use respiratory etiquette such as sneezing/coughing into your elbow.

5M9 GAT Leadership Team



To all the Clubs in 5M9,

With the COVID-19 upon us and the shut down of the state of Minnesota of all non-essential businesses many questions have been asked as to what our Lions clubs can do. First and foremost we want each and everyone of you to be safe. Having said that there are still people out there that need our help. In fact, there may be fellow Lions club members that need the help of their fellow members. You should have received or will be receiving a document entitled 5M9 LEADS (Lions Emergency Amenities Delivery Service) that lists the protocol for doing service during this worldwide COVID-19 outbreak. Food shelves are looking for help, delivering needed medicine for shut-ins or those deemed most likely to be affected by this, residents of your community that need supplies and our unable to get out of their houses. We as Lions can help as long as we follow the established protocol. Work with other service minded organizations to provide needed services to all. Now more than ever, consider sponsoring or supporting a blood drive in your area. Following the protocol we have established and that of the blood donor organization it is a win-win for all.

The question has been asked about how do we hold elections or meetings. Now more than ever we as Lions Clubs have to think outside the box. There are many avenues that a club can take to hold a non-contact club meeting and/or hold elections. You can hold meetings or elections by computer, phone conference, e-mail, FaceBook and skype. Every club should have a member or two that are familiar with one or all of the mentioned ways of having a meeting. If you don't have a member who can help, check with a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, or contact DG Sandy and she will help you find someone to assist you. There are many programs that you can look at. Currently ZOOM by Google is offering a 3 month free trial to hold a meeting for up to 100 members, the downside to it is it only goes for 40 minutes and then shuts down. Others, like the one that MD5M has and you can use, are Go-to-Meeting and Go-to-Webinar. The downside to the go-to programs is that every one in the multiple has access to it and the time slots in the evening are filling up fast.

As the shelter in place continues, people are going to get a little stir crazy and some will miss the daily contact with other people. Think about setting up a team of club members to call each member of your club to see how they are doing and if they need anything. A phone call can go a long way in brightening up a persons day. There are many things we can be doing to brighten the day of our fellow Lions and neighbors.

Thank you for your service to Lions and your communities and please feel free to contact anyone on the 5M9 Global Action Team for help or ideas.

DG Sandy Remington, DGE Les Swift, 1st VDGE Jamie Huttunen, 2nd VDGE Scott Rolfes, GMT Coordinator Jerry Haase, GST Coordinator Bert Nelson and GLT Coordinator Jay Norby

Aitkin Lions



The **Aitkin Lions** just made a \$1000.00 donation to the MAC Birdbusters. They are high school trap team (McGregor-Aitkin-Cromwell) The team is managed and coached by the Minnewawa Sportsmans Club. The team is getting ready to start the spring league. Pictured are Aitkin Lion member Gary Tibbitts and Minnewawa Sportsman Club member Kevin White, and also one of the coaches for the MAC Birdbusters.

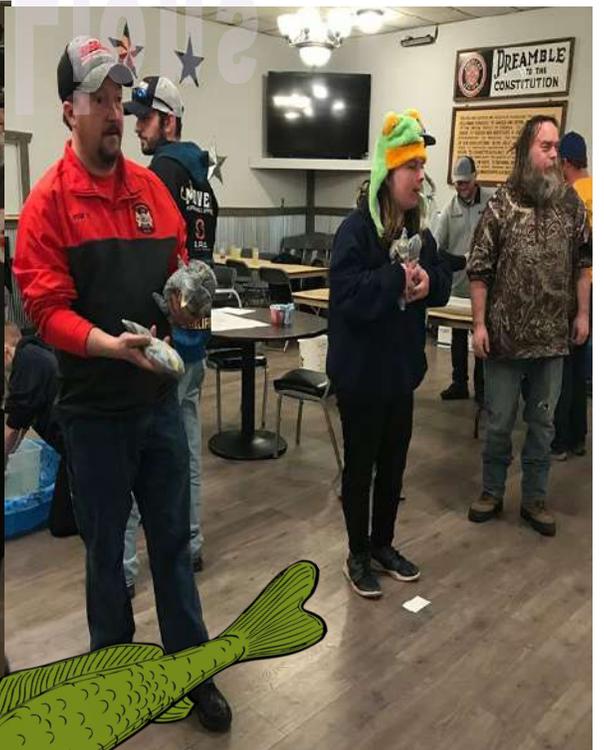


A member of the **Aitkin Lions** (Tony Mindrum) presenting a check for \$1000 to the Aitkin Anglers, the local high school fishing club. We absolutely love being able to help clubs like this! Coach Dan Borseth noted that there is a need for more adults to help. So if you know anyone that has a boat, or a love for fishing, they could really use your help. Coach Dan can be contacted at Pine Insurance Agency in Aitkin.



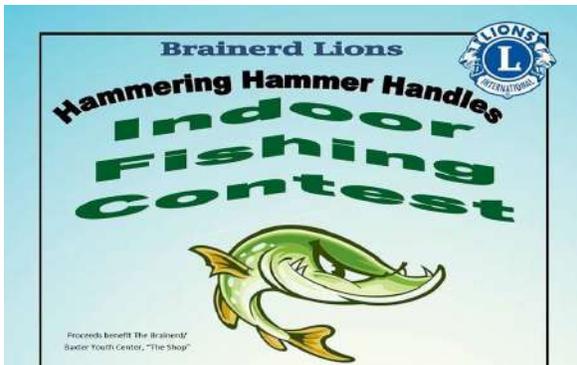
Aitkin Lions member Holly Mindrum presented a check for over \$2,300 to the local cub scouts. We try to encourage children to be involved in local programs and after school activities, so we are proud to be able to help fund them every year.

Brainerd Lions



Thank you to all who joined the **Brainerd Lions** in supporting The Shop! Fun was had by all, many prizes given, and of course the cash prizes too! See you next year!

The Brainerd Baxter Youth Center (TheShop) is a non-profit organization committed to providing community support to all teenagers and young adults as they transition into independence and adulthood. We are a safe space where youthful energy is harnessed into creative energy by providing opportunities to explore potential, build lasting relationships, and establish personal connections.



Attention all Presidents and Secretary's

Since our situation has changed this year for all of us for our club elections.

Some clubs do have their elections done while others plan to have them in late March or in April by the 15th. I just spoke with our DGE Les Swift and we decided together, whatever is best for each club will have to do for this year. Just get it done as soon as possible after April 15th. It might mean to send out snail mail ballots if you have more than one person per position, or it might work for a club to just put down the officers that have already accepted the candidacy for a position without an opponent.

I do need to know who is doing what position before May 15th so I can start working on a Directory for our District.

Secretary's PLEASE note that before you put your new member into a position you check with them and correct their International file so that their phone number, mailing address, e-mail address are all correct. Again this year I suppose I will have to contact each new or returning President, Secretary and Treasurer if we can print their information into our new Directory. So it is very important that their International files are up to date with the correct information. **If you have any questions you can contact me, PDG Margaret Van Erp at 218-862-8400 (please note that we have a new phone number as we have moved off of our farm by Bluffton)**

Also the Secretary training has been postponed. As of right now we do not know when it will be—maybe June or July but we will have a training day sometime. Any Secretary can always give me a call and I will gladly help you. Let's see if we can't improve our reporting this coming Lions year. Last year was a rough time but we will do better as time goes on.

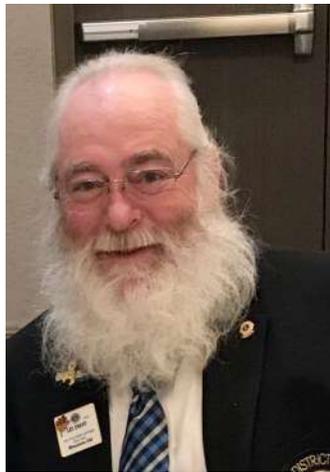
Most of you probably do not know that our Cabinet meeting was postponed, the Multiple Convention has been cancelled and also the International Convention has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. Everyone needs to cancel any gathering and stay home and stay safe.

Cabinet Secretary/District Administrator

PDG Margaret Van Erp



Support DGE Les Swift To clean-up District 5M9!



It has been over a year that we've watched this upcoming elected official turn into a scruffy grey-haired hippy!

The time has come to sharpen those shears and lather up that face for a good old fashion shearing contest! So, let's start collecting some funds to help DGE Les raise some cold hard cash for the

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation!

With the Corona Virus quarantine on at this time, DGE Les's haircut will happen later and we will keep you posted as to when.

Please support this great cause by sending your check!

Send your donations to:

Make Payable to: **MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.**

c/o PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby

1021 5th Avenue NW

Perham, Mn. 56573

All donations will go towards your cumulative dollars for your clubs



Zone Meetings



Zone 6 Spring Meeting

Host by: Sebeka Lions Club

Tuesday April 21, 2020

Location: Hub 71 Sebeka Mn

Time: 6:00 Social

Welcome/Meal at 6:30

Guest Speaker

Membership Chair Jerry Hasse

Meal cost \$12.00 Know By April. 13 to

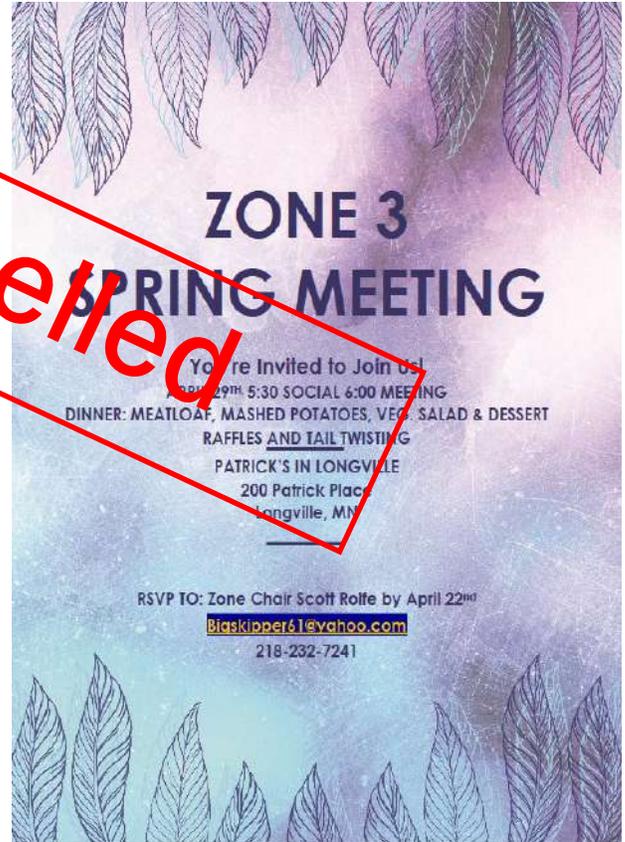
Zone Chair's Jamie Huttunen: jah12h12@wcta.net

Call at 218 639 9366

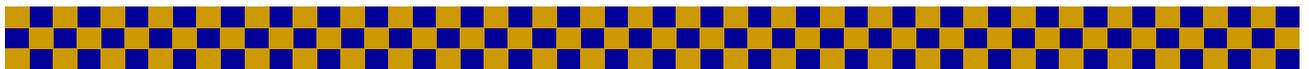


Scott Rolfe Zone 3 chair, 2VDGE

Cancelled



Zone 1 Chair	Les Swift	Zone 6 Chair	Jamie Huttunen
Zone 2 Chair	Tom Brand	Zone 7 Chair	Dennis Breitman
Zone 3 Chair	Scott Rolfe	Zone 8 Chair	Burke Almquist
Zone 4 Chair	Dick Kimball	Zone 9 Chair	Sean & Melissa Abernathy
Zone 5 Chair	Les and Diane Brietling	Zone Chair Advisor	Jay Norby



Congratulations!

PID Bruce Beck and District Governor Elect Les Swift presenting the International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Pillager Lion John Driscoll at the Zone 1 meeting.



Garrison Bay Lake Area Lions
Dick Gatz, Rose Puckett, Jennifer Smith and Sharon Shannon selling Shamrocks for Garrison Food Shelf funding.



Kamp KACE



MN Lions Childhood Cancer Inc.

District 5M9 began working with Kamp KACE to help children with cancer have a well-rounded life while going through their cancer treatments.

The unfortunate thing is that these kids may not make it to their 6-18 birthdays, because of their radiation and chemo treatments.

Therefore, the Lions of Minnesota have started the **MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Inc.** along with the University of Minnesota to raise \$100,000. this year. Once this amount is raised, we will receive marching funds from the University Foundation and the Childhood Cancer Research Fund giving us \$300,000. to begin the research work, needed to help these kids live longer.

Going forward donations will also go towards Crescent Cove, which is a Hospice house here in Minnesota for children and Kamp KACE. Plus, we will be working on ideas for families in need, while their children are going through their cancer treatments.

So, I hope that you continue to donate to **Kamp KACE** and consider donating towards the **MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation**. Make your checks payable to 'District 5M9' and in the memo portion write where you want your donation to go to and the amount.

These kids need our help and as Lions I know we won't let them down!

Lion Linda Albrecht-Norby,
Kamp KACE & MN Lions Childhood Cancer Inc., Chair



Environmental



**EARTH DAY – APRIL 22ND –
 THINK ABOUT THE 3 R's
 REDUCE – REUSE – RECYCLE
 ARBOR DAY – APRIL 24TH –
 PLANT A TREE**

Did you know? More than 20% of the world's oxygen is produced by the Amazon rain forest. One large tree can provide a day's supply of oxygen for up to 4 people. More than 180 million Americans receive quality drinking water from forested watersheds. Surfaces shaded by trees may be 20 – 45 degrees cooler than the peak temperatures of unshaded areas.
 PDG Rose Puckett



Dear Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

I think the time has come to officially postpone the Spring Lions tour (May 16). I just don't think we can responsibly choose any other path given the COVID-19 pandemic and the directives we are receiving from our governments, institutions, doctors, and scientists.

We will continue to monitor the situation and look at possible fall dates or push it to spring 2021. FYI, we are also postponing the Lions Gift of Sight Donor Recognition Program on May 17.

Thank you for your service and your support!

Lion Jennifer Jennifer J. Marshall
 Communications Manager Lions Gift of Sight—
 University of Minnesota





LCIF Response to the Coronavirus LCIF Grants



LCIF is giving priority consideration to support regions with extreme rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases. The focus will be on addressing those needs that exist within local medical and emergency management systems that are coordinating efforts with the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

For consideration, applications need to:

Follow the Emergency (EMR) grant criteria of having at least 100+ people infected (confirmed cases) in the immediate area/district.

US\$10,000 maximum grant amount.

Funds available only to address active and immediate cases; not future outbreaks. Disaster Preparedness grants are excluded.

Funds should be used for Lions to work with local medical and emergency management services that are addressing the outbreak. This could be for sourcing medical supplies, quarantine-related expenses, etc. for those infected.

Funds may not cover personal expenses for those infected or quarantined.

Another option is to consider Multiple District level grants, as appropriate, for areas with a significant number of cases (5,000+) over several districts.

All requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For inquiries on emergency grants please contact lcifemergencygrants@lionsclubs.org.

LCIF Donations and Campaign 100

Donations for our COVID-19 response are being accepted through LCIF's General Disaster Fund. Please make a donation to help us in the fight to keep our families and communities safe. All donations to this fund are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellows and Campaign 100. Please be aware acknowledgements and recognition for LCIF donations will be delayed due to COVID-19.

LCIF recognizes and thanks its Campaign 100 International Committee members, area leaders, multiple district coordinators, district coordinators and club coordinators for their dedicated efforts to empower Lions' service both locally and globally. Our campaign leadership is in the process of evaluating the impact that the COVID-19 crisis is having on Campaign 100. In the weeks to come, we will provide you with more information about how Campaign 100 is adapting to address this unprecedented situation.

Campaign 100's support of Lions' service is more important now than ever. LCIF would like to take this opportunity to encourage all those who are working hard in support of Campaign 100 to prioritize health and safety, while remaining connected with your fellow Lions and the LCIF staff supporting you. Thank you for safely communicating the mission and impact of LCIF in your communities.

HEARING FOUNDATION Ways To Support Our Cause

Your Club Support & Involvement Makes A Big Difference!



How Can You Support The Hearing Foundation?

Your Hearing Foundation relies on volunteers, Club contributions, and used hearing aids. There are many opportunities for your Club to help those in need. Please put **USED HEARING AIDS IN THE SAME BOXES AS THE GLASSES DONATIONS** and they will be taken to the Hearing Foundation for recycling.

MN State Fair



Our Foundation in partnership with the Vision Foundation and Diabetes Foundations host a booth at the Minnesota State Fair each year in the Education Building. This booth provides information about Hearing, Diabetes, and Vision programs, where to recycle hearing aids and eyeglasses and information about Lions Clubs International.

Cochlear Implant Picnic



The Hearing Foundation provides an annual picnic for individuals that have cochlear implants. It is a fun day for all. Here is an opportunity to volunteer with setup, serving food, organizing games or just coming out to support. The Annual Cochlear Implant Picnic is usually held in August at the Brookview Park in Golden Valley. This is a fun event where recipients (kids, and families) come together for some great food, games, and activities. If you or your club would like to volunteer or attend, [contact Lion Michele Plagman for more details.](#)

2020 D-Feet Walk



The 9th Annual D-Feet Walk will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2020. *Last year, the walk raised \$107,883.32*

With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- ◆ Entrance to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for the day and Event t-shirt
- ◆ Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- ◆ Lots of children's activities, games & prizes/Fun for families of all ages, Featuring the Teddy Bear Band
- ◆ Great Club Activity/Event
- ◆ A chance to change a child's life through your \$25.00 registration/donation
- ◆ If you or your club is unable to attend, please consider donating!

Cancelled or Postponed

Rochester...

... Our VISION is 20/20

**Go to MD5M
Website:
Events Tab
for Links**



Lions Clubs International

In light of Governor Pritzker's announcement requesting all non-essential businesses to close and asking people to remain in their homes, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, will be closed effective immediately.

This closure is in effect through April 7th. Employees who are able to will be working remotely during this time. The safety of our employees is first and foremost, and we encourage all employees to comply with the Governor's request.

Club Elections

If our club cannot meet, how can we conduct our annual election of club officers?

Unless prohibited under a club's constitution and by-laws, the Standard Club By-Laws permits all Lions clubs to conduct meetings via alternative meeting formats. This allows each Lions club to choose a method of conducting elections that is suitable for those members. This can be via phone, email, a combination of the two, or any other method that is acceptable to the Lions club members.

For additional questions or concerns regarding your club operations or elections please contact us via email at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org

**Stuck at Home?
or
Safe at Home?
Mindset Matters!**

MD5M Lions Youth Exchange

With a heavy heart, we here in MD5M: Minnesota Camp Spicer have decided to cancel the 2020 Lions Youth Exchange Host Family and Camp experience. The safety of the youth and the families is paramount in this decision.

We do like the idea of holding spots for the you who applied and were accepted to be first for consideration next year. However, age will need to be addressed and response in attending will need to be made by November 2020 for exchange in 2021.

Thank you to all the YE Chairs for your comments and suggestions. We are stronger when we work together.

Sincerely, Lions Sue Mullen and Cindy Walters

MD5M Lions Youth Exchange Co-Chairs Camp Spicer



The Board of Directors of the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc has voted to suspend all KidSight vision screening activities until further notice.

This action is being taken due to the impact of Covid-19 on the normal ability of Lions to provide screening in a safe environment. We must ensure the safety of our Lions as well as the children and educational professionals that they would interact with.

Hopefully, this suspension will be of short duration and we can once again provide needed vision screening to our communities.

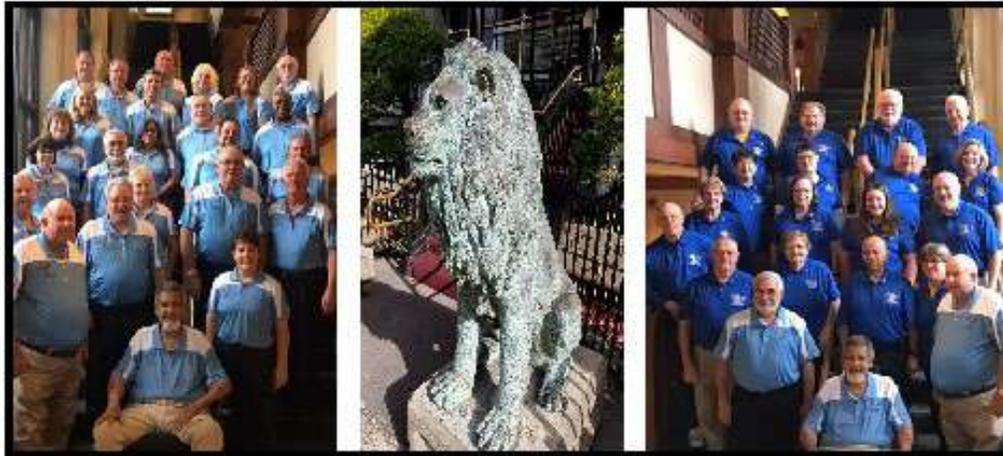
Please forward this message to your District leadership team and notify all of your clubs of this suspension.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Lion Dennis

Dennis W. Kelly III
Chair, Board of Directors
MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc
dkellylion@gmail.com
w 651-337-2976
c 651-788-3486





Forum Planning Committee

Kentucky Host Committee

**We can't wait to see you,
in Louisville, Kentucky,
for the 44th
USA / Canada Lions Leadership Forum!
*September 17-19, 2020***

**Fun, Fellowship and
Fantastic Leadership Seminars!**

Register NOW!!! (Prices will increase in the spring) To register,
visit <https://lionsforum.org/>



District Governor Sandy Remington Club Visit Form



Club Name _____

Club Location _____

Address _____

Dates for Club Visit: 1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Time Club Meeting Begins: _____

When does your Social Hour Start ? _____

Do you have a Board of Directors Meeting? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like the DG to attend your Board of Directors Meeting? Yes _____ No _____

Are there other Lions, or Leo Clubs involved for the DG visit? Yes _____ No _____

Please list other Clubs _____

Will you have Meal? Yes _____ No _____

Lion, or Leo, requesting the Governor's visit: _____

Club contact telephone # _____ Email address _____

Will the Governor be expected to install officers: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please send names of new officers. If inducting new members, please have the LCI New Member Kit with Pin and signed Certificate.

Will the Governor be expected to give out awards to club members: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please send information stating the awards and the names of those receiving the awards. Please have awards, certificates, pins, or changes in installation or inductee ceremony available when I arrive for the Governor's visit.

I am looking forward to coming to visit with your club!!

Please mail to: District Governor Sandy Remington

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How to submit an article

Please submit material for these sections. by the 15th of each month for the following months newsletter.

I would like to publish your most recent community service and your upcoming fundraisers, in which Lions from other clubs could, perhaps, participate.

Submit pictures, flyers or text. In photos please put names of who is in it. When possible, send photos in jpeg format and articles as a word document. Use of pdf is also acceptable.

Contact me for assistance or with questions
Submit to: 5m9newsletter@gmail.com

Sue Stebbins editor



DISTRICT GOVERNOR SANDY'S CALENDAR

APRIL

- 2 Zone 5 Meeting Verndale
- 8 Crosslake Ideal Lions
- 13 Pequot Lakes Breezy Point
- 14 Palisade Lions
- 15 Deer Creek Lions
- 16-17-18 GAT Summit Walker
- 20 Northland Renee Lions
- 21 Zone 6 Meeting Sebeka
- 27 Ottertail Lions
- 29 Zone 3 Lions Longville

MAY

- 1-2 Multiple Convention Rochester
- 2 Council of Governors Rochester
- 7 Leader Lions
- 11 Baxter Lions
- 15-16 Kid Sight Foundation Mtg
- 18 Emily Outing 50 Lakes Lions
- 31 Cabinet Meeting Bluffton



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